

Famous Aircraft Builder Turns To Mobile Homes

A circular blue symbol containing the white letters VII is making a frequent appearance around the Torrance-Gardena areas in recent weeks, as heralds a new trend in housing.

It marks the debut of the nation's third oldest aircraft and aerospace company as the leader in America's new housing trend.

The VII stands for Vought Industries, Inc., a new leader in the mobile home industry. It is now being displayed by Youngquist Trailer Sales of Gardena.

Vought Industries, a wholly owned subsidiary of Chance Vought Aircraft, was organized late last year with the acquisition of the ABC Coach Co., General Coach Works, and the Mid States Corp., three mobile home manufacturers with combined sales of \$60 million last year.

Chance Vought designed and manufactured the famous Corsair fighter plane of World War II, and the Regulus I and II submarine launched guided missiles.

"The new Vought Industries is not only the largest mobile home company in the industry," said Forest Youngquist, "but it leads the field and is being watched by the entire industry."

New Statue Unveiled on BMHS Camp

Student body, guests, faculty and administration of Bishop Montgomery High School watched respectfully the recent unveiling and blessing of the statue of the Blessed Mother on the campus by Father Aloysius Romanowski O.F.M. Conv.

The six foot statue of Our Lady with child, sculptured in Italy of white Carrara marble, rests on a cement pedestal supported by three walls, two small walls of concrete block painted Cameo Rose and a third wall, 9 feet high, of varied hues of blue mosaic tiles interspersed with gold tiles.

FATHER MICHAEL J. McNulty, principal, thanked all those who contributed in any way to this inspiring memorial to Our Lady. Socialists and candidates participated in a May procession, climaxed by the crowning of the statue by June Hines.

The ceremony ended with the rosary, reception of 125 candidates into the Sodality, an organization which fosters love and devotion to the Blessed Mother among its members and all the students, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

THE IDEA FOR the shrine was conceived in the spring of 1959 and in September Sodality moderators Fr. Aloysius and Sister Joseph Adele received permission from Father McNulty to build the shrine. In keeping with the spirit of such a shrine, it was constructed entirely by donations. By selling refreshments at football games, and through their donations.

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No Target Date Yet for Pay TV, Legislators Learn at Hearings

By VINCENT THOMAS
Assemblyman, 68th District

Just when pay television will arrive in California is still pretty much anyone's guess. Representatives of competing companies which hope to offer pay TV here testified at length before a recent hearing of the Assembly committee on public utilities and corporations, but no one suggested even an approximate target date.

Rival spokesmen agreed that subscribers to pay TV will get programs considerably different from the fare they now get from commercial TV stations, and expressed the opinion that

both systems can operate simultaneously without interfering with each other.

FIRST-RUN pictures, top-flight sports events, plays and concerts can be piped directly into homes, all without advertising. Though two methods of reaching homes are possible, first, direct transmission by air to individual sets, and second, use of leased telephone lines, only the latter will be utilized, according to reports given the committee. Two or more picture channels will be used by each company, so viewers may select programs they wish.

Several years ago, a pay TV experiment in the middle west was a financial failure. One company now has a profitable operation going in Canada, which is said to have more than 3000 subscribers in one city alone.

TWO SYSTEMS of collecting fees from subscribers have been developed. The first uses a coin box device for attachment to the TV set, in which the necessary amount must be inserted before the desired program can be received. The other involves use of a central-

ized "interrogator" or scanner which checks all TV sets in a given area at frequent intervals, finds out which are tuned to pay programs, and then transmits this data to a computer which bills on a monthly basis.

The basic reason for the committee hearing was to continue its investigation of the legislative problems involved in possible governmental control of pay TV. Earlier efforts of certain promoters of pay TV to secure exclusive franchises for operation from some California cities and counties had raised some fundamental ques-

tions as to what agencies, federal, state, or local, have authority to act with respect to granting such franchises or otherwise controlling the industry.

LEGAL AND engineering spokesmen for the state public utilities commission testified as to these questions. The committee was informed that if pay TV programs are telecast directly through the air to subscribers the federal communications commission would have exclusive jurisdiction. It was asserted that the state could exercise police powers only if leased wires were used to transmit the programs to viewers.

group received the opinion that cities and counties cannot, under existing law, require local franchises for pay TV if telephone line facilities are used. The differing legal opinions did seem to agree on the one point that state legislative action is necessary if state or local control of pay TV is determined to be advisable.

AS MIGHT HAVE been expected, there was disagreement between company spokesmen as to the need for legislation in the field. One said flatly that no regulation is needed. "If pay TV does not operate in the public interest, it

will not succeed," he stated. Another recommended state legislation to prohibit monopolies or exclusive franchises, so that all competitors can fight it out in the market.

The committee will have until our 1961 session to decide on recommendations as to what, if anything, should be done about pay TV.

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